Goods Export Assistance Fund and the Steel Development Fund.

(j) Rendering assistance to the Electric are furnace for units and the secondary sector by way of capacity assessment, assistance in procurement of indigenous and imported raw materials and import substitution measures, aiming at the overall development of the sector.

(k) Interface between the Government and the different consumer group and to facilitate consumer-producer interaction;

(l) Matters relating to Export of Steel to Napal and Bhutan;

(m) Coordination for movement of raw material to steel plants;

(n) Provide vigilance functions to prevent misuse of steel obtained from regulated sources.

Publishing of Biographies of Freedom Fighters

6286. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to publish the biographies of prominent Indian freedom fighters who were deported to the Andaman and Nicobar Jail;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to telecast and broadcast programmes on those freedom fighters; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, at present, has no such specific proposal.

(b) and (c). Programmes on various national leaders are telecast/broadcast by Doordarshan/All India Radio from time to time depending on their programme requirement.

Metro Channel

6287. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government propose to "create metro channel" to link the second channels of the Doordarshan in four metropolitan kendras at Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Doordarshan have been interlinking the four metro channels for varying durations of time keeping in mind their over all programme requirements for quite some time now.

[*Translation*]

Irregularities in Regional Publicity Directorate

6288. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irregularities committed in regional Publicity Directorate during the last three years;

(b) the details of such irregularities; and

(c) the punishment awarded to the erring officials?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE